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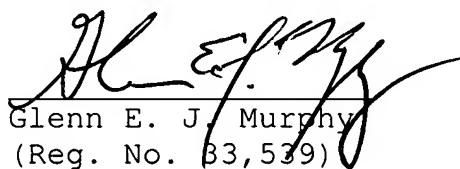
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A. CLASSIFICATION OF SUBJECT MATTER

According to the International Patent Classification (IPC⁷)

B32B 7/06

B. FIELD SEARCHED:

IPC⁷: B32B, E04F

Electronic data base consulted during the search (name of data base and, where practicable, search terms used)
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C. DOCUMENTS CONSIDERED TO BE RELEVANT

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